

separating the extracted natural product and water resulting from decantation.--

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--16. The method of claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the water resulting from recantation is injected back into the biological material.--

--17. The method of claim 14, and further comprising stirring the biological material.--

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified PCT national stage application. This Preliminary Amendment removes multiple dependencies and reference numerals from the claims. Proper subject headings have also now been provided in the specification. With this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-13 are amended and new claims 14-17 are added. Also, the Abstract has been set forth on a separate sheet that accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-17 will remain pending in the above-identified application.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-17 are believed to be allowable. Consideration and allowance of claims 1-17 are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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